

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

The Regular meeting of the Mendham Borough ECOSST was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and the open public meeting statement was read into the record.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Arena	Present	Mr. Tracy	Absent
Ms. Mundy	Absent	Mr. Foerster	Present
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Morris	Absent
Mr. Wells	Present	Mr. D'Urso	Present

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Mr. D'Urso and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt the Minutes of the August 7, 2023 meeting, as presented.

ROLL CALL

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Mr. Metzler, and Mr. D'Urso.

Opposed:

Abstain: Mr. Wells and Mr. Foerster

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Arena opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments on items not included on the agenda. There being none, public comment was closed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Work Groups Reports

a. Open Space / Farmland Preserve

i. No update

b. Environmental

i. No Update

c. Shade Tree

i. Mr. Foerster explained there are 2 trees left to plant from the Spring planting because new locations are needed. Mr. Foerster stated that the Fall planting will begin in October.

ii. Emerald Ash borers are destroying trees and that will make the invasive species flourish since they will have light once the trees die.

B. Project Group Report

a. Scott Farm

i. Mr. Arena stated that there are some Eagle Scout projects currently in progress at Scott Farm.

1. Bird watching stand.
 2. Picnic Benches
 3. Pollinators around the Girl Scout's Air Bees & Bees project.
- b. Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program
 - i. No Updates.
 - c. Service Projects (Scout Liaison)
 - i. No Updates.
 - d. Trails
 - i. No Updates.
 - e. Events Calendar
 - i. No Updates.
 - f. Methodist Church Property
 - i. No Updates – trees need to be removed.
 - g. Community Wildlife Habitat
 - i. Ms. Perkins stated that the High School Environmental club will be handing out the flyers.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER ITEMS

Mayor Glassner expressed her appreciation to the group for volunteering. Mayor Glassner suggested that the group to put together a master list of multiply projects that can be approved by Council in advance. She explained that the people (scouts, IB students, etc.) looking for projects can choose from the list and not have to wait for the Council to approve. Mayor Glassner suggested the bridge at Mountain Valley Pond needs to be stained as a project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Mr. Wells and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Smith
Land Use Coordinator